



ONE WINTER NIGHT

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3RD ANNUAL ONE WINTER NIGHT THIS FRIDAY!

The 3rd Annual **C-U at Home One Winter Night** is a community public awareness event to help the homeless. One Winter Night will take place in downtown Champaign, along Neil Street. Participants will brave the cold for 12 hours, from 6pm-6am on Friday, February 21 – Saturday February 22, 2014. Join **City Council Members Karen Foster and Will Kyles**, local business owners, several area pastors, professionals, students and other public figures, as they spend the entire night outside, shivering in a cardboard box.

One Winter Night is the primary funding source for our C-U at Home. Donations are tax deductible. You can easily give online safe and securely via **PayPal** or you can **write a check or contribute cash**. At One Winter Night, we will provide a convenient **donation drive-thru** on Chester Street, a circle drive around the City Building. Each of the box dwellers is raising awareness and funds to help the homeless. You can find out more about how to **donate** in support of your favorite participant at **www.cuathome.us**. Businesses also have an opportunity to sponsor One Winter Night. For more information on being a **business sponsor**, please contact us at **217-819-4569** or online at **www.cuathome.us**. Thank you.

This is an exciting time for C-U at Home, as we are planning to launch several new initiatives in the next few months. We plan to develop a **recovery home** for those who have completed a rehabilitation program for addiction, a **home for families**, in addition to the new **daytime drop-in center** to reach those who are living on the streets.

OWN 2014 **box dweller PARTICIPANTS:**

Public Service

- Patrick Connolly, Urbana Chief of Police
- William Kyles, Champaign City Council Member
- Karen Foster, Champaign City Council Member
- Alejandra Coronel, Language Service Supervisor, Presence Covenant Medical Center

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- Don Gerard, Mayor of Champaign
- Kevin Jackson, Neighborhood Services, City of Champaign
- Jill Guth, Chair, Champaign Center Partnership; Director of Commercial Leasing, JSM
- Andrew Quarnstrom, City of Champaign Township
- Stephanie Stevens, Carle Hospital

Business

- Jon Rector, Regional VP of Sales, Pavlov Media
- Rob Meister, Owner, Minneci's Ristorante & Catering
- Chris Tepedino, Freelance Writer
- Warren Charter, Principal, CharterSills Architectural Lighting
- Phil Gioja, Video Producer, Center Street Productions
- Dennis Bott, McLane Company
- Peter Folk, President, Volo Broadband
- Caitlyn Mooney, Director of Sales, Hyatt Place

Ministry

- Heidi and Roland Gnad, First Christian Church
- Willie L. Williams, Jr., Pastor, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
- Charles Simpson, East 2 West
- Jim McClarey, Savoy United Methodist Church
- Tom Gilbert, Life Coach, C-U at Home
- Hanna Boorum, University of Illinois, Newman Center Service and Justice Outreach

Community

- Tony Comtois, Prairie Center, C-U at Home
- Brad and Kristie Swim, and Noble Griffin, The Swim Family

Academics

- Taiwanese American Students Club, University of Illinois
- Jason Keist, Parkland College
- Kai Orwick and Rachel Dillman, Unity High School
- Emily Bayci, University of Illinois, Graduate School of Library & Information Science
- STAMPS Scholars, University of Illinois

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